ھو سکتا ھے اکانامک طریقے سے یا اور دوسری طرح سے ان پر قدم اٹھایا جا رہا ھے -

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Setting up of an international body for small newspapers

*301. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up an international body for small newspapers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Problems of the fishing industry

*303. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government are taking to assist the fishing industry which is in doldrums due to poor catches;

(b) whether in view of the steady decline of shrimp catches, Government propose to review all its policies including chartering and joint ventures;

(c) if not, to what factor Government attribute the steady decline of the marine catches for the third consecutive year;

(d) whether any Committee has since been appointed to study the relief measures for this industry employing lakhs of poor people; and

(e) what other measures are being considered to help the fishing industry?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) to (c) Marine fish landings during the last six years are indicated below:—

(in lakh Tonnes)

Year	Marine Fish Production	Total fish Production
1981-82 . . .	14.45	24.44
1982-83 . . .	14.27	23.67
1983-84 . . .	15.19	25.06
1984-85 . . .	16.98	28.01
1985-86 . . .	17.16	28.76
1986-87(P) . . .	17.13	29.42

(P)-Provisional

Shrimp landings during the last six years are also indicated below:—

(in Lakh tonnes)

Year	Shrimp Production
1981	1.64
1982	2.10
1983	1.93
1984	2.03
1985	2.32
1986	2.15